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## National Phase Validation of Granted EP Patents

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In order that a granted European Patent takes effect in elected member states of the European Patent Convention (EPC) certain steps have to be performed according to the rules of the national Patent Offices. For example, translations into the official languages have to be filed and national fees must be paid to the authorities. A cost overview for selected EPC member states is given below.

The price schedule below applies to an EP patent to be validated in the countries listed. Cost estimates are based on the assumption that the EP Patent is written in English, has a description of about 30 pages, and has around 10 claims.

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3-5 EPC countries: 10%

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Country	Representative and/or Official Fees (CHF)	Translation	BDC Fee
Switzerland/Li.	270.00	1'190.00	300.00
Germany	390.00	n.a.	300.00
Austria	320.00	n.a.	300.00
Belgium	640.00	n.a.	300.00
Italy	510.00	1'410.00	300.00
France	225.00	1'290.00	300.00
Spain	1'150.00	1'370.00	300.00
United Kingdom	155.00	n.a.	300.00

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